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by the Medical Officer in charge of the Local Fund Dispensary, Mannarghat. I wonder how the hon. Member thought of the matter.

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Sir, the answer to clause (*a*) was "No". My question is whether the Government have received the memorandum through the Hon. Minister.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : I have already answered that.

* 2703 *Q.*—SRI M. K. PADMAPRABHA GOUNDAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the action taken by the Government in regard to the opening of a hospital at Vellamunda on the representation, dated 7th June 1952, from the Panchayat Board, Vellamunda, and Memorandum No. PM/481, dated 9th December 1952, from Sri M. K. Padmaprabha Goundar, M.L.A.?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The Government issued orders in April 1954 sanctioning the opening of a Government Dispensary at Vellamunda with the necessary staff and equipment as soon as the Village Hospital Committee at Vellamunda constructs a building for accommodating the dispensary and hands it over to the Department as promised.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Sir, may I know whether the process of starting the dispensary is anywhere within sight?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Sir, it is reported that the Village Hospital Committee has not yet taken up the construction of the building.

Harijan-Landlord dispute

* 2704 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :

(*a*) the causes for the recent dispute between the Harijans and Landlords of Mahadanapuram, Karur taluk, Tiruchirappalli district ;

(*b*) whether this dispute has been settled by the Collector of Tiruchirappalli ;

(*c*) if so, on what terms and conditions ; and

(*d*) whether the Harijans have boycotted caste Hindus and have refused to do any service to them?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) *to* (*d*) The answer[a] is placed on the table of the House.

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Sri S. RAMALINGAM : சமீபத்தில் கனம் முதல் மந்திரி அவர்கள் நிலச்சுவான்தார்களும் விவசாயிகளும் சாகுபடி மகசூலில் சரிபாதியாகப் பிரித்துக்கொள்ளவேண்டுமென்று சட்டம் கொண்டுவரப்போவதாக பல இடங்களில் பேசியிருக்கிறார்கள். ஆனால் ரெவின்யூ டிவிஷனல் ஆபீஸர் அவர்கள் செய்து கொடுத்திருக்கக்கூடிய ஒப்பந்தம் இந்தக் கொள்கைக்கு முறணானதாக இருக்கிறது. ஆகவே அந்த மசோதாவை சர்க்கார் எப்போது சட்டசபையில் கொண்டுவர உத்தேசித்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களைக் கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்.

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : இனி வரப்போகும் மசோதாவுக்கும் இப்போது ரெவின்யூ டிவிஷனல் ஆபீஸர் செய்து கொண்டிருக்கும் ஒப்பந்தத்திற்கும் யாதொரு தொடர்பும் இல்லை. இனி புதுச் சட்டம் வந்தால் அப்போது எல்லாம் வேறுவிதமாக அமைக்கப்படும்.

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Sir, has the Revenue Divisional Officer who effected the settlement been transferred from Karur and if so, whether one of the reasons for his transfer was that he effected a successful settlement between the two parties alleged to be injurious to the landlords?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : I repudiate the implication, Sir. Transfers are being made. There is a well-known Tamil saying " the crow sitting on the palmyra tree and the fruit falling ". It is probably something like that that is in the mind of the hon. Member.

Construction of a dam at Alemtherpattu in Vriddhachalam taluk

* 2705 *Q.*—Sri M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government have received the resolution passed at the Agricultural Conference held in Vriddachalam on 9th January 1955 regarding the construction of a dam at Alemtherputtu channel in Vriddachalam taluk and undertaking of work in Nemam lake for irrigation purposes; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An extract of the resolution was forwarded to the Special Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for necessary action. It has been reported that the proposal will be investigated. Necessary action will be taken by the Government on receipt of porposals after investigation.

Prohibition offences

* 2706 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government—

(i) to reduce the incidence of offences under the Prohibition Act; and